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“MERLET, who wrote in the latter end of the seventeenth cen-
 tury, has described two varieties of the Pear, which were at that
 period confounded under the name of the *St. Germain*; and DU
 HAMEL has admitted the accuracy of MERLET’s account*. These
 varieties so closely resemble each other, in their wood, their buds,
 their foliage, and blossoms, that it is impossible to distinguish the
 one from the other; and there is also much similarity in the external
 character of their fruit. Both varieties are known in this country;
 but I have seen one only sent from the nurseries round London, and
 that the inferior or spurious kind: I have, therefore, sent a few
 grafts of the true *St. Germain*, under the hope that they may
 prove acceptable to some Members of the Horticultural
 Society.

“The spurious variety ripens in *December*, and the fruit grown

* Traité des Arbres Fruitières.